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- A. Organization of the 2nd Tk. Regt.
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- C. Organization of the QM unit, Officer Corps Reserve School Co. and Technical Services Co. of the 2nd Tk. Regt.
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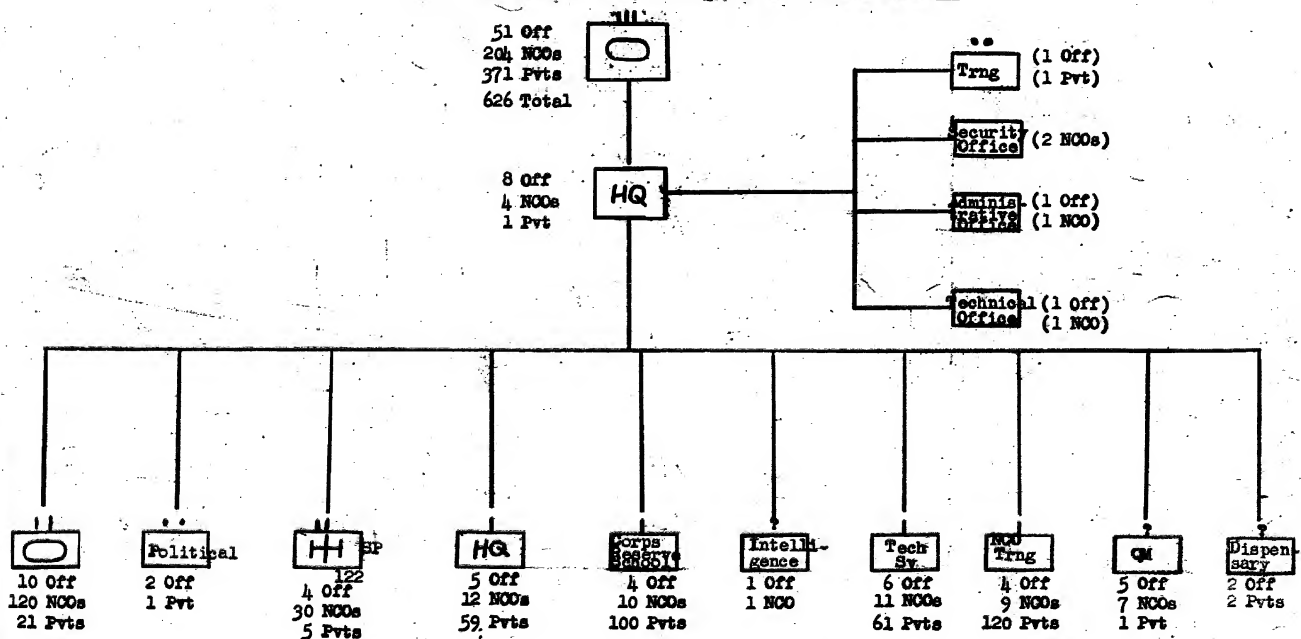
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Actual Strength (as known to source) of 2d Tank Regiment



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ANNEX A

Actual Strength (as known to source) of 2d Tk RegtLegend

Regt Hq

CO - Lt Col

Deputy for Operations - Capt. Was responsible for line duty operations of the regiment and was directly answerable to the CO of the regiment.

Deputy for Political Affairs - Capt. Was Political Indoctrination Officer of the regiment. Source did not believe that the officer was responsible or answerable to the CO for his work. The Political Affairs Officer briefed selected officers and NCOs of the regiment on political topics which they presented to the rest of the regiment. Selected lecturers were also advised to be on the alert for lack of political feeling among soldiers and to take an active part in the supervision of party and youth union meetings.

Deputy for Technical Services - Capt. Supervised the over-all functions of Technical Services of the regiment and of the training and operation of the Technical Services Company.

Executive Officer - Maj. Was Administrative Officer of the regiment. He took care of all official incoming and outgoing correspondence, scheduled commanders' appointments and was in charge of checking all administrative matters affecting the strength of the regiment. At regimental conferences the Executive Officer briefed the regimental CO on all important matters which the CO wanted to make known to his staff.

Training Section - one 1st Lt and one Pvt. The section was in the Regtl Hq and its duty was to prepare the training schedule for the entire regiment. A master subject schedule was given the regiment by higher headquarters. The staff of the regiment was oriented first and then the training schedules were distributed to the units in the regiment. Usually the Deputies and the Executive Officer worked in close cooperation with the section.

Security Office - one Sgt and one Cpl. The section was in the Regtl Hq and its duty was to check, record and distribute all classified material within the regiment.

Administrative Office - one WO and one NCO. The section was in the Regtl Hq and its duty was to file and maintain Officer and EM records and to assist the Executive Officer.

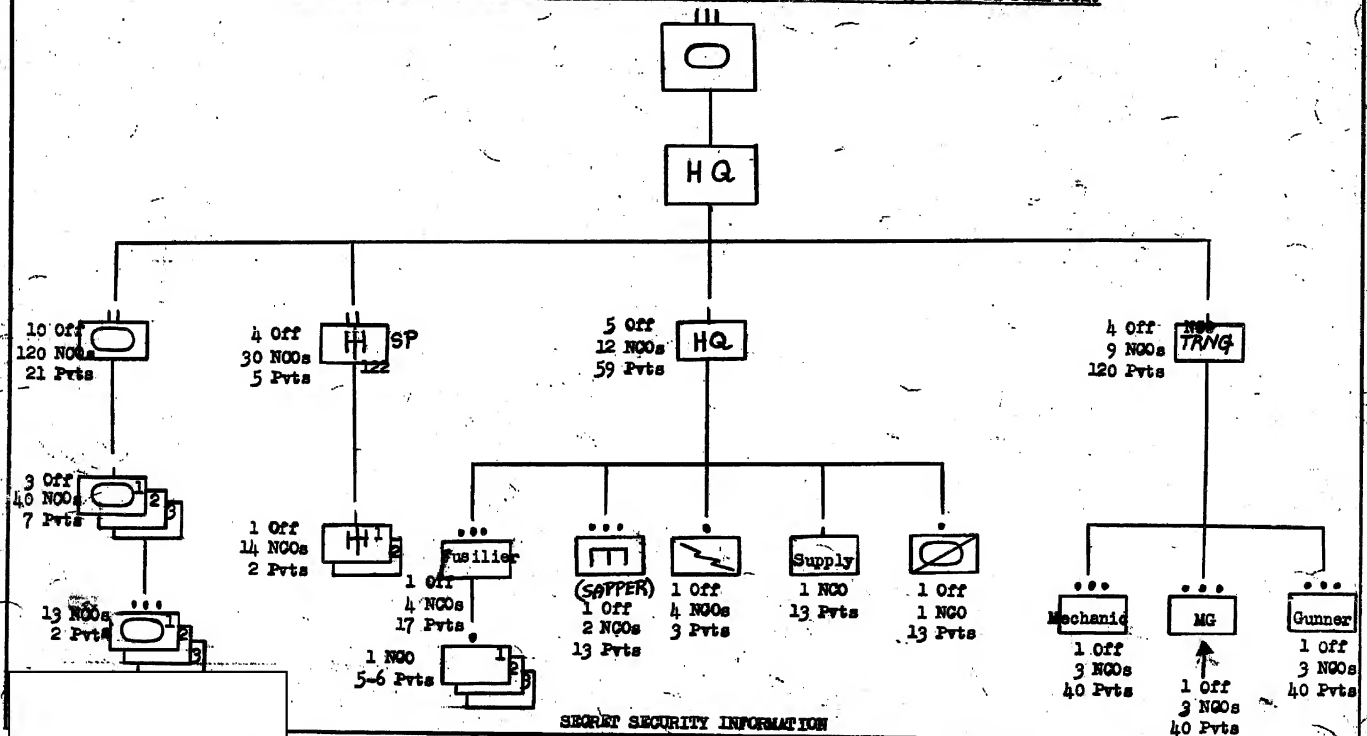
The Technical Office - one 2d or 1st Lt and one NCO. The section was in the Regtl Hq and it assisted the Deputy for Technical Services and aided the Technical Service Company.

The Political Section - one 1st Lt, one WO and one Pvt. The section was in the Regtl Hq and it assisted the Deputy for Political Affairs by carrying out his instructions. It was also responsible for checking on political discontent in the regiment and for soliciting party members.

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Actual Strength of Tank Bn, Assault SP Gun Bn, Hq Co. & Training Co in 2d Tank Regt



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ANNEX B

Actual Strength of Tk Bn, Assault SP Gun Bn,
Hq Co. & Trng Co in 2d Tk RegtLegend

1. Tank Bn. The following made up the organization of the tank battalion in the 2d Tk Regt:

CO - Capt
9 - 2d or 1st Lts
120 - NCOs
21 - Pvs

In 1950 there was only one tank battalion in the 2d Tk Regt and from observation, study and hearsay, source was certain that until August 1952 each tank regiment had but one tank battalion. Source heard in the 1950-1952 period that, although a tank battalion had 30 T34/85 tanks, each tank division had a reserve of an undetermined number of tanks in a Military District depot. Source was informed in 1950 that in the event of war, all units would be augmented with respect to personnel and equipment and that there was the possibility of subsidiary units being added to existing units.

2. Assault Gun (SP JSU 122 guns) Bn. The following made up the organization of the Assault Gun Bn in the 2d Tk Regt:

CO - Capt
3 - 2d or 1st Lts
1 - WO
30 - NCOs
5 - Pvs

There were 10-12 SP guns in the battalion but not all guns were utilized on field exercises and maneuvers. Additional personnel needed by the battalion could be and, in case of war, would be obtained from the training company in the regiment.

a. Both the tank and assault (SP) gun crews consisted of the following:

Commander	- Cpl or Sgt
Driver-mechanic	- Cpl or Sgt
Machine gunner	- Pvt or Cpl
Assistant driver-mechanic	- Pvt or Cpl
Gunner	- Pvt or Cpl
Loader or cannoneer	- Pvt or Cpl

Tanks and assault guns fired on towed truck and tank targets. Source had seen the firing during summer maneuvers in 1950. Blank ammunition was used in the winter maneuvers of 1950 when tank guns were practice fired.

3. Regtl Hq Co

CO - 1st Lt

Although the Fusilier Plat was supposed to work closely with the tank battalion at all times, source maintained that it was, to a great degree, employed on work details in 1949-1950. In 1950 source was informed by officers of his unit that in the event of war the platoon was to be built up to battalion size and strength, and that at least one company of the Fusilier Bn would then act as

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security guard for the Regtl Hq and Hq Co. Furthermore, in the event of war, about two companies of the Fusilier Bn were to function in close cooperation with the Tk Bn.

Source explained that a Polish fusilier unit differed from a Polish Infantry unit in that the fusilier unit was equipped chiefly with automatic weapons, such as the PPSh, and rode and fought with the tanks.

Sapper Platoon. In 1950 the platoon was employed mainly for performing work details for Hq Co. However, the theoretical training schedule for the Sapper Platoon included the theoretical and practical knowledge of mines, the laying of mine fields, field obstacle training, the theory and practice of fording waterways, and the utilization of troops in Bailey bridge constructions.

Signal Squad. One squad constructed and maintained telephone communications for and in the regiment. Field telephones of u/1 Soviet model were the only ones seen by source in 1950.

Supply Co. The company requisitioned, distributed and kept a strict record of office material and supplies for Regtl Hq and Hq Co. All other units in the regiment maintained their own supply offices and storage places.

Reconnaissance Squad. The squad was utilized chiefly for Hq Co work details. During field exercises and maneuvers the squad was employed in scouting missions for the purpose of obtaining information regarding enemy disposition.

5. NCO Training Co. The following made up the organization of the NCO Trng Co in the 2d Tk Regt:

CO - Capt
3 - 1st Lts
9 - NCOs
130 - Pvts

The mission of the company was to train personnel for the Tank and Assault Gun Bn. Although source did not know the duration and the training schedule of the company, he stated that EM who completed the training received a corporal's rating.

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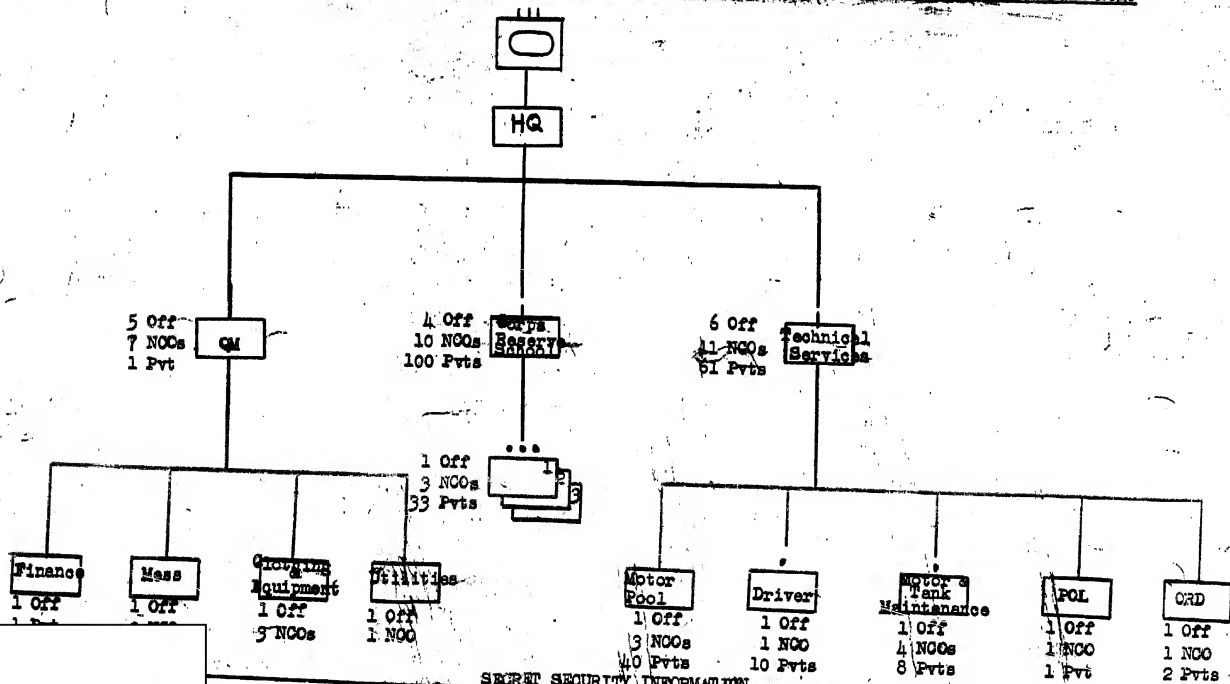
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Actual Strength (as known to source) of CM, Corps Reserve School Co. & Technical Services Co. to the 24 Tank Regt



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ANNEX C

Actual Strength (as known to source) of QM, Corps Reserve School Co.
& Technical Services Co in the 2d Tk RegtLegend

Quartermaster (Kwatermistrzostwo) Unit. The following made up the organization of the unit:

CO - Capt
4 - WO, 2d or 1st Lts
7 - NCOs
1 - Pvt

The unit provided the tank regiment with food, clothing and equipment, barrack repair and maintenance services and was responsible for paying all members of the regiment.

Officer Corps Reserve School Co (Szkoła Korpusa Oficerska Rezerwy).

The following made up the organization of the unit:

CO - Capt
3 - 1st Lts
10 - NCOs
100 - Candidates

The school was activated for tank regiments in the fall of 1949, and it trained university students for service with Armored Corps. The trainees, 20 to 22 years of age, wore the uniform prescribed for armored personnel and were given one year's training. Thereafter they returned to civilian status to complete their professional education. While completing their education, and even upon its completion, the men had to take six weeks of military training each year in order to maintain their reserve status. They were called for active duty when the Ministry of National Defense deemed it necessary.

The training was on a competitive basis and was to procure the best possible officer and NCO personnel for the Armored branch of service. The candidates who had the best records at the Corps School were commissioned as 2d Lts in the reserve. Those in the next category were given reserve warrant officer ratings while those in the lowest group were given Corporal (Kapral) and Jr WO (Podchorazy) ratings in the reserve. The Cpl with additional training and experience, could be advanced to a WO rating.

Source had no information on pay for the candidates, the training schedule, the percentage of unsuccessful candidates, living conditions or assignments of candidates.

Technical Service Co. The following made up the organization of the unit:

CO - Capt
5 - 2d or 1st Lts
11 - NCOs
61 - Pts

The company was responsible for the repair of small arms, for providing gasoline, bearings and greases, the maintenance of passenger vehicles, trucks and tanks in the regiment and for the training and providing of drivers for the vehicles. It performed 1st and 2d echelon work on passenger vehicles and tanks.

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ANNEX D											
Organization and Equipment of the 2d Tk Regt											
Unit	Officers	RM	Medium Tank, T34/85, WW II Model Trucks, ZIS "50"	Vehicle, Passenger, u/i Model GAZ	Car, Armored, BA 64	SP Gun, JSU 122, M1941	Carbine, 7.62mm, M1941, 1942	PPSh, SMG	7.62mm, M41	DP, IMG, 7.62mm, M41	Pistol, Tr, 7.62mm, M1942, 3.45 (Soviet) 50 (Polish) BMG, DShK, 12.7mm, M38
Regtl Hq *	8	5	(2)					5		8	
Tk Bn (1)	10	141	30					90	60	61	
Tk Co (3)	(3)	(47)	(10)					(30)		(20)	
Tk Plat (3)		(15)	(3)					(8-9)		(6-7)	
Political Sec	2	1				1				2	
SP (Assault) Gun Bn	4	35				10-12		27	10-12	12	10-12
Gun Bn (2)	(1)	(16)				(5-6)		(12)	(5-6)	(5)	(5-6)
HQ Co	5	71				41	26	2	9		
Fusilier Plat	(1)	(21)				(5)	(13)	(2)	(3)		
Sapper Plat	(1)	(15)				(7)	(7)		(2)		
Ren Sqd	(1)	(14)		1		(8)	(6)		(1)		
Sig Sqd	(1)	(7)				(7)			(1)		
Supply		(14)				(14)					
Trng Co	4	129				120			13		
Mechanic Plat	(1)	(43)				(40)			(4)		
Machine Gun Plat	(1)	(43)				(40)			(4)		

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Gun Commander Plat	(1)	(43)						(40)			(4)	
QM	5	8						1	5		7	
Finance	(1)	(1)						(1)			(1)	
Mess	(1)	(3)							(2)		(2)	
Clothing & Equipment	(1)	(3)							(2)		(2)	
Utilities	(1)	(1)							(1)		(1)	
Technical Service Co	6	72						44	21		13	
Driver Sqd	(1)	(11)						(7)	(3)		(2)	
Motor Maintenance Sqd	(1)	(12)						(4)	(8)		(1)	
Ordnance Sqd	(1)	(3)						(1)	(2)		(1)	
Motor Pool	(1)	(43)						(30)	(8)		(6)	
FOL	(1)	(2)						(2)			(1)	
Officer Corps Reserve School Co	4	110						79	29		6	
Dispensary	2	2						2			2	
Intelligence	1	1									2	
TOTAL	51	575	30	15	2-3	1	10-12	288	209	72-74	135	10-12

*In 1950 there were 30 tanks in the 2d Tk Regt. Two of the 30 tanks were assigned to Regtl Hq, one for the Regtl CO and one for the Regtl Executive Officer. Maintenance on the two tanks was done by one of the tank companies in the tank battalion.

**Figures in parentheses represent totals for individual subunits and should not be considered when calculating the total for the 2d Tk Regt.

***Source heard from service personnel in 1951-1952 that the regiment received an undetermined number of GAZ 51 trucks which replaced the ZIS 50 trucks.

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ANNEX D:

Organization and Equipment of the 2d Tk RegtLegend

Miscellaneous Data on Weapons and Equipment. In the Hq Co there were only two or three pairs of binoculars and compasses of an u/1 Soviet model.

The Fusilier and Sapper Platoons used dummy F-1 and RPG 42 grenades in training.

All O and BM in the regiment had Soviet "Shlem" type gas masks. When not in use, the gas masks were stored in unit supply rooms.

Source had no information on rocket guns, flamethrowers, anti-tank guns, bombs and armed grenades.

Source saw very few training aids on mine warfare equipment at the Sapper School and during the 1950 summer maneuvers when he attended lectures on mines, grenades and panzerfausts listed below:

Tellemine, T.mi. 42 and 43

Riegel, R.mi. 43, anti-transport mine

S.mi. 44, anti-personnel mine

Magnetic Hollow charge AT mines (3 kg)

TMD-8, Soviet tank mine, wood construction (5 kg)

YAM-5, Soviet tank mine, cardboard and wood construction (6 kg)

PGMZ 6 & 7, anti-personnel mines, wood construction

Tar paper mine, for use in marches and on beach approaches (5 kg)

Stick hand grenade (15 cm)

Panzerfaust, recoilless AT bomb and launcher

After submitting the above data source was able to identify the same items in references shown him.

Source did not remember the detail of mine field pattern systems nor could he give further detail on mine warfare equipment.

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